Presentation of the International Edition of the

ENCYCLOPEDIA OF HINDUISM

to the Honourable President of India

August 2014 Special

Parmarth Niketan
Monday June 23 marked a historic moment in the cultural history of India: the official presentation of the international edition of the *Encyclopedia of Hinduism*. The *Encyclopedia of Hinduism* is a project of India Heritage Research Foundation, founded, guided and led by one of India’s most revered spiritual leaders, Pujya Swami Chidanand Saraswatiji, President of Parmarth Niketan, Rishikesh. It is a colossal product of more than 1,000 esteemed scholars from around the world.

The presentation of the gorgeous, 7,000 entry, eleven-volume compendium of the depth and breadth of the Indian spiritual and cultural tradition to the Honourable President Shri Pranab Mukherjeeji took place in the main auditorium at Rastrapati Bhavan (President House).
The event was graced also by the presence of the following revered spiritual leaders and dignitaries:

- **Pujya Swami Chidanand Saraswatiji**, President of Parmarth Niketan Ashram, Chairman of India Heritage Research Foundation and Founder of the Encyclopedia of Hinduism project
- **Shri L.K. Advaniji**, MP and Senior Leader of BJP
- **Shri Ravi Shankar Prasadji**, Minister of Law & Justice, Communications & Technology, Government of India
- **Sadhvi Uma Bhartiji**, Minister of Water Resources and River Development, Government of India
- **Dr. Karan Singhji**, Chairman, Auroville Foundation
- **Shri Giani Gurubachan Singhji**, Chief Jathedar, Akal Takat [Golden Temple]
- **Maulanna Dr. Kalbe Sadiq Sahib**, Vice President, Muslim Personal Law Board
- **Shri Rameshbhai Ozaji (Bhaishri)**, Renowned Kathakar
- **Most Reverend Anil José Tomas Couto**, Archbishop of Delhi
- **Dr. Acharya Lokesh Muniji**, Ahimsa Vishwa Bharati
- **Dr. R.K. Pachauriji**, Nobel Laureate and Chairman of IPCC
- **Sadhvi Bhagawati Saraswatiji**, Managing Editor, Encyclopedia of Hinduism

The national anthem at the beginning and end of the event was sung gloriously by Sonu Nigam. Additionally Bollywood celebrities Kailash Kher, Vivek Oberoi and Suresh Oberoi as well as many other eminent dignitaries graced the event with their presence.

The honourable President congratulated Pujya Swamiji for undertaking and completing such a mammoth project. He said, “Hindu religious philosophy identifies Dharma, Artha, Kama, and Moksh, as the foremost objectives of a human being. Striking a balance in human behaviour in working towards these objectives has been prescribed as a key aim of human existence.”
Quoting, Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan, he said “Hinduism is not just a faith. It is the union of reason and intuition that cannot be defined but is only to be experienced.”

The President further stated that the basic tenet of Hinduism is happiness, health and enlightenment for everyone and suffering, pain and agony for none. He quoted Mahatma Gandhi and said “If I were asked to define the Hindu creed, I should simply say: Search after truth through non-violent means. A man may not believe in God and still call himself a Hindu. Hinduism is a relentless pursuit after truth… Hinduism is the religion of truth. Truth is God. Denial of God we have known. Denial of truth we have not known.”

Other quotations from the historic event include:

Shri L.K. Advaniji said “This Encyclopedia is a huge undertaking and monumental task, and especially to have it presented to a great leader like our Honourable President is testimony to the historic mile-stone of this achievement. The reason that India has been able to sustain itself as a successful democracy for so many years with such a large population is the core Hindu values of living in unity and peace amongst the diversity. This beautiful function is only half complete because the other half has to be done in Rishikesh, at Parmarth Niketan Ashram with the sacred Ganga Aarti ceremony which Pujya Swamiji leads each evening! That is such a pure experience of the purity and divinity of our Hindu tradition.”

Shri Ravi Shankar Prasadji said: “Tenets of Hinduism are faith and dedication. The Encyclopedia is a testament to the faith and dedication of over 1000 scholars coming together from all over the world, under the leadership of Pujya Swami Chidanand Saraswatiji and Sadhvi Bhagawati Saraswatiji.”
Sadhvi Uma Bhartiji said “I am so proud to be here and I am so proud to be a Hindu. Hinduism teaches us how to live in harmony and oneness with each other. That is why Hindus are such great neighbors and India is such a great neighboring country.”

Pujya Shri Rameshbhai Ozaji said: “A temple of bricks can be completed in 4-5 years but this Temple of Knowledge took 25 years! Pujya Swamiji is a Maha Kalpana Purush; he had a vision, took a pledge and fulfilled that pledge. The fruit of that sankalp is this Encyclopedia.”

Pujya Swami Chidanand Saraswatiji, founder/chairman of India Heritage Research Foundation and of the Encyclopedia of Hinduism project explains: “The wisdom, truths, teachings and insights of Indian and Hindu culture are not limited to or applicable to only Hindus or Indians. Rather they belong to the world and can deeply benefit the world. It is, therefore, our aim that the richness of this ancient yet timeless culture and heritage should be made available to the entire world, in a way that is authentic, academic, comprehensive and illuminating. However, of course, the teachings,
truths, tenets and insights of Sanatan Dharma took birth in India. Therefore, to have the religious leaders of India present the Encyclopedia to the Honourable President is a beautiful and most-fitting symbol of the ‘Unity in Diversity’ which is our Mother India.”

Sadhvi Bhagawati Saraswatiji, Managing Editor of the Encyclopedia explains: “This is a great moment in history. The depth and breadth of the world’s oldest living culture, civilization, philosophy and theology has finally, for the first time, been encapsulated in encyclopedic form. This launch is such a great symbol of the diversity of India, in which for thousands of years all the major faiths of the world including Hinduism, Islam, Christianity, Sikhism, Jainism, Buddhism and Jainism have co-existed peacefully and harmoniously together.”

Acharya Lokesh Muniji said: “The Encyclopedia is a much needed bridge between science and spirituality.”

Also, Pujya Swami Chidanand Saraswatiji presented the Hon’ble President with a sacred rudraksh tree sapling and a shawl woven with love by the women left widowed, homeless and hopeless by the tragic floods last year in the Kedarnath valley now where under Pujya Swamiji’s leadership, Ganga Action Parivar is sponsoring the opening of 3 centers providing vocational skills to over 500 women.
All of the speakers, politicians Shri L.K. Advaniji, Shri Ravi Shankar Prasadji, Sadhvi Uma Bhartiji and Dr. Karan Singhji, the religious leaders, Shri Chief Jathedar Giani Gurubachan Singhji, Maulana Dr. Kalbe Sadiq Sahib, Pujya Shri Rameshbhai Ozaji, Archbishop Father Cuoto, Acharya Lokesh Muniji and Nobel Laureate Dr. R.K. Pachauriji all deeply appreciated the great vision of Pujya Swami Chidanand Saraswatiji for conceiving of the project and His great Shakti and tapasya for carrying it through to fruition. All speakers emphasized the crucial and universal nature of Hinduism and the great benefit that this wisdom provides to the whole world.
The Encyclopedia has been nearly twenty-five years in the making and it is the first time in history that the depth and breadth of India’s great spiritual culture is made available in authentic, academic and scholastic form. It is truly a compendium of thousands of years of history, science, art, architecture, polity, religion, philosophy and culture. Further, the Encyclopedia is not limited to Hinduism as a religion, but rather provides thorough treatment of all of India’s indigenous faiths, including Sikhism, Jainism and Buddhism, as well as coverage of the role of the Abrahamic faiths (Islam, Christianity and Judaism) in the culture, civilization, and history of India.

Click here to watch highlights from this historic event.
Click here to view full-length videos of all the speeches at the event.
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Pujya Swamiji presents a shawl to the Hon’ble President of India woven by the Himalayan women left devastated by last year’s floods.

Pujya Swamiji with Shri L.K. Advaniji, former Governor of Uttar Pradesh, Shri B.L. Joshi, and Dr. Vinod Tare.

Maulana Dr. Kalbe Sadiq Sahib and Archbishop Father Cuoto hold up the Encyclopedia of Hinduism.

Archbishop Father Cuoto and Father Dominic Emmanuel and arrive for the presentation ceremony.

Presentation of the International Edition of the Encyclopedia of Hinduism to His Excellency Shri Pranab Mukherjee, President of India.

On Monday, 23rd June 2014 at 12:00 pm Noon.
Pujya Swamiji with Shri L.K. Advaniji, Maulana Dr. Kalbe Sadiqji, Pujya Rameshbhai Ozaji and Acharya Lokesh Muniji converse about the encyclopedia being a great boon for all.

Distinguished guests rise for the National Anthem, sung by Sonu Nigam.
Pujya Swamiji introduces Dr. R.K. Pachauriji to Pujya Rameshbhai Ozaji and lauds his tenacious dedication to prevent and abate climate change, while bringing the world together for environmental preservation.

Pujya Swamiji, Chief Jathedar Shri Giani Gurubachan Singhji and Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad ji admiring the interfaith and august gathering.
Pujya Swamiji with Senior Director FICCI, Shri Nirankar Saxena, DRDO Representative, Dr. S Radhakrishnan, Member of the NDMA (Retd), Brig BK Khanna, Shri Rakesh Sood and others commend and congratulate Pujya Swamiji’s divine vision and leadership for the Encyclopedia.

Pujya Swamiji with Dr. Vandana Shiva, Director of Navdanya and renowned environmentalist and activist.
Sonu Nigam, Kailash Kher, Pujya Swamiji, Vivek Oberoi and Shri Vaibhavkant Uphadyay, Chairman of India Center

Pujya Swamiji and Deputy Military Secretary to the President of India, Capt. Sharad Sharma
Pujya Swamiji speaks to Pujya Bhaishriji alongside Imam Luqman Tarapuri Sahib, Chief Imam of Gujrat

Pujya Swamiji with Nobel Laureate Dr. R.K. Pachauriji and Shri Sudheendra Kulkarni
Ven. Lama Lobzang, President of the Asoka Mission, and Pujya Swamiji

Dr. R.K. Pachauriji, Pujya Swamiji, Acharya Lokesh Muniji, Pujya Vivek Muniji, Ms. Arushi Nishank and other eminent dignitaries arrive at the historic event
Gratitude

It was a vision realized to host the very special receiving ceremony of the International Edition of the Encyclopedia of Hinduism, conceived, inspired and guided by Pujya Swamiji, and a project of India Heritage Research Foundation, in its birthplace - the sacred soil of India. This special event was made possible through the great dedication, commitment, generosity, and selflessness of innumerable people and organizations. We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to the following for being invaluable, essential assets to the ‘Receiving Ceremony’ at the Rashtrapati Bhawan (Presidential Palace):

We are ever so grateful to the entire team of the His Excellency the Hon’ble President of India for making this special event possible, especially:

• Smt. Omita Paul, Secretary to the President, for ensuring the program ran smoothly.
• Shri Rajneesh, IAS and Private Secretary to President whose great dedication and devotion to ensuring the universal message of unity and harmony reaches throughout the nation and the world has been vital for the success of the event.
• Group Captain Shri Sharad Sharma, Deputy Military Secretary to President and Shri Abhinav, ADC to President, for their meticulous dedication and assistance to ensure the programme ran smoothly and flawlessly.
• Shri Venu Rajamony, Press Secretary to President, whose great interest and support allowed the message of this event to reach out through the various avenues of medias to touch and inspire all.
• As well as all other administrative officers who dedicated their services from security to planning to ensure that the event was a grande success.

To Shri Sonu Nigam for flying in especially to sing the National Anthem and adding his beautiful and glorious voice to begin and conclude the programme in its motherland.

Special thanks to Ms. Meera Narshima and Dr. Rachna Bimal for her selfless dedication and graceful anchoring that was the very glue holding the programme together.

Special thanks also to all of the international media - print media and broadcast media - for covering this launch and this project so extensively with such
dedication, devotion and grace. Special thanks to AP and PTI - you have brought this wonderful news to the entire world.

Another special thanks to Shri Varinder Arora and all of the media relations team whose time, talent and technology was channeled in bringing all the various articles and publications together in one place to create a comprehensive and expansive archive.

All of the generous donors and particularly the Platinum Pioneer donors. All of the past and present Board of Trustees of IHRF.

All of the scholars who wrote articles, edited, reviewed and finalized the articles. All of the sevaks who gave their time and energy in Encyclopedia offices around the globe assisting with a wide variety of crucial, administrative tasks.

Dr. K.L. Seshagiri Rao, Chief Editor, Dr. Kapil Kapoor, Editor-in-Chief, and Late Pt. Dr. Vidya Niwas Mishra, Editor-in-Chief, for being the encyclopedia behind the Encyclopedia and guiding the teams of national and international scholars in bringing this project to fruition.

The University of South Carolina, Columbia, USA, Pittsburgh University, Pittsburgh, PA, USA, Parmarth Niketan Ashram, India and so many colleges, universities and institutions around the world for their great support and assistance.


All of the revered saints who have blessed this project from its inception and carried it forth to its fruition.
In the Press

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- **President to receive encyclopaedia on Hinduism**
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- **President receives copy of ‘Encyclopaedia of Hinduism’**
  - *New Delhi: June 23 (ANI): President Pranab Mukherjee on Monday received a copy of the Encyclopaedia of Hinduism at a function at Rashtrapati Bhavan Auditorium. The President commented Srim Atmanand (Secretary) of the Prashar Nidhi Foundation, the founder-chairman of the Heritage Research Foundation (HRF) for undertaking the effort to bring out the encyclopaedia. Present at the event were also U.K. Arora, The Governor of Punjab and Union Territory, The Encyclopaedia, a compendium of thousands of years of history, science, art, architecture, poetry, religion, philosophy and culture, took 25 years to complete.*

- **Press to receive a copy of Encyclopedia on Hinduism**
  - *New Delhi, June 23 (PTI): President Pranab Mukherjee will receive a copy of the Encyclopedia of Hinduism on June 23. Rashtrapati Bhavan said today.*

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May 23, 2014

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The Encyclopedia of Hinduism is a project of the India Heritage Research Foundation (IHRF) founded by Swami Chidananda Saraswati of Parmarth Niketan, Rishikesh. (ANI)
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Prez to receive a copy of Encyclopedia on Hinduism

President Pranab Mukherjee will receive a copy of Encyclopedia of Hinduism, carrying about 7,000 entries by 1,000 esteemed scholars from across the world.

The encyclopedia is a compendium of thousands of years of history, science, art, architecture, poetry, religion, philosophy and culture, it said.

“Further, the encyclopedia is not limited to Hinduism as a religion, but rather provides an inclusive treatment of India’s spiritual culture (including coverage of Sikhism, Jainism and Buddhism traditions in India),” the BEF said.

The encyclopedia was launched in India by Vile Parle’s Dahi Lama and the International edition was launched in the US by the University of South Carolina, Columbia.

The encyclopedia was conceived by Swami Chidamaranand Saraswat, founder of BEF, it said.
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**By Ram Mohan**

President Pranab Mukherjee will receive a copy of Encyclopedia of Hinduism containing about 7,000 entries created by 1,500 scholars from across the world.

"Attention will be given at the inaugural session to prepare an offical release of the Encyclopedia of Hinduism."

The President is to release the Encyclopedia of Hinduism on the occasion of India’s Independence Day on 15 August, on the eve of the Republic Day on 26 January, as the book is a comprehensive and authoritative work of knowledge on Hinduism.

The book is being published by the Chennai-based Sri Sathya Sai Acoedemy of International Studies. The book contains contributions from scholars from across the world and the President is expected to receive a copy of the book on 15 August.

The President’s visit to the book launch and the reception following the release will be a grand event, with many dignitaries and high officials expected to attend.

The book is a comprehensive and authoritative work of knowledge on Hinduism, which will be a valuable resource for students, researchers, and the general public.

President Pranab Mukherjee has been a strong advocate of the importance of knowledge and education, and his efforts to promote them have been widely appreciated by the Indian society.
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President releases first Encyclopedia on Hinduism

The basic tenet of Hinduism is happiness, health and enlightenment for everyone and suffering, pain and agony for none. President Pranab Mukherjee said as he received the first copy of the Encyclopedia of Hinduism on Monday.

Speaking at a function at the Rashtrapati Bhavan, the President complimented Swami Chidanand Saraswati of the Parmarth Niketan Ashram, the founder-chairman of India Heritage Research Foundation (IHRF), for undertaking the effort to bring out the encyclopedia.

"Twenty-five years in the making, the product of more than 1,000 esteemed scholars from around the world, totaling 11 volumes and approximately 7,000 entries, the Encyclopedia of Hinduism is the first time in history that the depth and breadth of India's great spiritual culture is made available in authentic, academic and scholastic form." the IHRF said.
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Hinduism is not just a faith, says Pranab Mukherjee

Speaking on the occasion, Mukherjee complimented Swami Chinmayanand Saraswati of the Parmarth Niketan for undertaking the "mammoth effort" of bringing out the encyclopedia.

Swami Chinmayanand Saraswati is the founder chairman of the India Heritage Research Foundation.

The president said that Hinduism, religion, philosophy, identified 'dharma', 'arthta', 'kama' and 'moksha' as the foremost objectives of a human being, a Rashtra-dharma Bhavan community said.

Quoting former president and noted philosopher S Radhakrishnan, Mukherjee said Hinduism was not just a faith, but the union of reason and intuition, that cannot be defined and is only to be experienced.

He said the basic tenet of Hinduism is happiness, health and enlightenment for everyone and suffering, pain and agony for none.

The president quoted Mahatma Gandhi to say, "If I were asked to define the Hindu creed, I should simply say 'search after truth through non-violent means. A man may not believe in God and still call himself a Hindu.'

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Among the dignitaries present on the occasion were BJP leader E.K. Radhakrishnan, minister Kirit R. Bhansali Prasad and Uma Bharti, chairperson of the Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti.

Among the religious leaders present on the occasion were Shri R. Balakrishnan, Syed M. Tanveer Zafar, the Chief Rabbi of the World Union of Hindu, Hindu and Buddhist traditions.

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Quoting former president of India, Shankar Dayal Sharma, he said, "Hinduism is not just a faith. It is the union of reason and intuition that cannot be defined but is only to be experienced.

President Mukherjee further said the basic tenet of Hinduism is happiness, health and enlightenment for everyone and suffering, pain and agony for none.

Quoting Mahatma Gandhi, he said, "If I were asked to define the Hindu creed, I should simply say 'search after truth through non-violent means. A man may not believe in God and still call himself a Hindu.'

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Home: Mukherjee receives copy of Encyclopedia of Hinduism

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Speaking on the occasion, the President complimented Swami Chinmayananda Saraswati of the Pimpalwadi temples, the founder chairman of IHRF, for undertaking the massive effort.

Mr Mukherjee said that Hindu religious philosophy identifies Dharma, Artha, Kama and Moksha as the foremost objectives of a human being. Striking a balance in human behaviour in working towards these objectives has been prescribed as a way of human existence.

Quoting Dr. Saranadat Radhakrishnan, he said that Hinduism is not just a faith. It is the union of reason and intuition that cannot be defined but is only to be experienced.

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Among those present on the occasion were senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader L. K. Advani.

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Hinduism is a relentless pursuit after truth: Pranab Mukherjee

New Delhi: While receiving a copy of the 'Encyclopedia of Hinduism: An Inter-religious Gathering,' President Pranab Mukherjee said on Monday that Hinduism is not just a faith, but the union of reason and intuition that cannot be defined, but is only to be experienced.

Addressing the gathering at the function, the President lauded Swami Saramati Sarawag of the Ramakripa Institute for undertaking the "massive effort" of bringing out the encyclopedia.

Swami Sarawag is the founder-churchman of the India Heritage Research Foundation.

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Among the dignitaries present on the occasion were BJP President S. Bharti, ministers A.K. Shankar Prasad and Uma Bharti; Kiren Singh, Chairman of National Foundation; Swami Sarawag and R.K. Pachauri, head of TERI.

Among the religious leaders present on the occasion were Anil Kumar Sinha, P Anand, Suresh Goswami, Arun Kumar Bhagwat, the chief ministers of Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Madhya Pradesh, the chief minister of the Muslim Personal Law Board, Gour Gobind Singh, the chief justice of the Allahabad High Court, and Sachin Bhagwat and Saraswat.
The President received the first encyclopedia on Hinduism.

Speaking at the function at the Rashtrapati Bhavan, the President complimented Swami Chidanand Saraswatiji of the Parmarth Niketan Ashram, the founder-chairman of the India Heritage Research Foundation, for undertaking the effort to bring out the encyclopedia.

Hindu philosophy identifies "Dharma, "Artha", "Kama" and "Moksha" as the foremost objectives of a human being, and striving to achieve a balance in human behavior in working towards these objectives has been preoccupied as a key aim of human existence, the President said according to a statement from Rashtrapati Bhavan.

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Hinduism ‘is not just a faith’

INTERNATIONAL EDITION OF ENCYCLOPEDIA LAUNCHED

LEADING Indian spiritual leaders joined hands on the occasion of the launch of the international edition of the ‘Encyclopedia of Indian Traditions’. The event was held at New Delhi’s Octagon on July 27, 2014.

Work on the encyclopedia began almost 25 years ago and it is not limited to Hinduism. It is a study of Indian traditions from the Vedic to Buddhist, as well as Islamic, Christian and Jewish traditions. It includes their influence on India’s cultural, social, and intellectual life.

A number of renowned scholars and experts from around the world contributed to the project. The encyclopedia is divided into 15 volumes and covers a wide range of topics, from philosophy and religion to art, literature, and culture.

The launch was attended by a large number of dignitaries, including the president of India, Pranab Mukherjee, who delivered the inaugural address. He congratulated the authors and editors on their achievement and emphasized the importance of preserving and promoting Indian traditions.

The encyclopedia is available online and in print, and is expected to be a valuable resource for students, researchers, and anyone interested in Indian traditions.

WISDOM (From Left) Guru Vinayak Prasad, HH Pratap Muni, Prabhu Mahadev and UK Advani at the presentation ceremony.

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A celebration of Indian traditions

Shri Pranab Mukherjee, President of India

Shri Pranab Mukherjee with Delhi`s most Indian winter coat. The President is elegant in a suit and tie as he receives the constitution of India.

The Indian Constitution is the fundamental law of India, which provides the framework for the government, the basic human rights, and the legal system of the nation. It is written in Sanskrit and Hindi, and it is the longest constitution in the world.

The ceremony was attended by the president, the vice president, the prime minister, and other high-ranking officials. It was also attended by a large number of dignitaries, including the governor of Delhi, the chief minister of Delhi, and other state governors.

The ceremony was held at the Rashtrapati Bhavan, the official residence of the president of India. It was a grand event, with a lot of music and dance performances, and it was attended by a large number of guests.

The president, Shri Pranab Mukherjee, delivered a speech, in which he thanked the guests for their presence and emphasized the importance of the Constitution for the country. He also highlighted the role of the Constitution in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the citizens of India.

The ceremony was followed by a feast, where the guests enjoyed a variety of delicious dishes. It was a great event, and everyone enjoyed it.

Bollywood celebrities like Aishwarya Rai, Shah Rukh Khan, Deepika Padukone and Sunny Leone also attended the ceremony. Bollywood veteran Amitabh Bachchan, who has been a vocal supporter of the Constitution, also attended the event.

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